

the idea that "the use of any science lies in its application to practical purposes," and he would doubtless adopt Huxley's statement that the purpose of science is to know what is true in order to do what is right. "For Christianity, the use of the science of religion consists in applying it to show that Christianity is the highest manifestation of the religious spirit." But in making such a use of this science "we must fully and frankly accept the facts it furnishes, and must recognize that others are at liberty to use them for any opposite purpose." With such an idea we cannot fear that the writer will go astray negligently nor by the road of dogmatic assumption. He recognizes that the science is to lay before us the facts and such classifications of the facts as lie within its power. The interpretation of the facts and their practical application lie within the province of the religious philosopher.

The author, then, will interpret the facts and show the manner of this application in the aim of making Christianity the universal religion. This aim will call for full and fair understanding of the facts and features of those religions which Christianity will supplant and will show how far this supplanting is to be by substitution, and how far by supplementing, and how far by suppressing. After an *Introduction* we have discussions of *Immortality, Magic, Fetichism, Prayer, Sacrifice, Morality, Christianity.*

The reviewer would by no means agree with all the author's positions, especially dissenting from his rather superficial judgments as to the relation of magic and of fetichism to religious origins. Still in the main the work is admirably adapted to its purpose and will greatly aid students in understanding the rise and growth of religions and the method of the missionary who carries Christianity to the followers of other faiths. There are an appendix, a bibliography and an index.

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**Ethics.** By John Dewey, Professor in Columbia University, and James H. Tufts, Professor of Philosophy in the University of Chicago. Henry Holt & Co., New York, 1908.

All subjects are now studied genetically, and this is the appli-

cation of the genetic method to Ethics. Anyone who has studied Ethics only as formulated by the old method will be surprised at the new and vital interest which this proverbially dry subject assumes under this treatment.

The book represents the convergence of two lines of thought upon Ethics—Sociology and Functional Psychology. Strictly speaking, according to the present-day conception, Ethics is a department of Sociology. Studied in this way one gets the right point of view upon the modification of moral standards and ideals as they develop in the stress of social adjustments. One sees in the book also the application to an important phase of social science the theory of thought for which Dr. Dewey has so prominently stood, i. e., the instrumental character of thought. The result is most assuredly a fresh, vital, illuminating discussion of the moral nature and life of man.

The discussion is divided into three parts. First, the beginnings and growth of morality. In this part is studied the development of individual rational morality out of the customary group morality of early peoples. The second part is a discussion of the theory of the moral life. In this section the great historical ethical theories are criticized. The third part is devoted to the "consideration of some typical, social and economic problems which characterize the present." The first and third sections seem to this reviewer to be particularly important and suggestive, and worthy of the careful study of all who are concerned with the ethical life, theoretically or practically, and it can hardly fail to help them to larger and more adequate views of the higher life of man.

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**The Seeming Unreality of the Spiritual Life.** The Nathaniel William Taylor Lectures for 1907, Given Before the Divinity School of Yale University. By Henry Churchill King, President of Oberlin College. New York: The Macmillan Co., 1908. Pages viii+256. Price \$1.50 net.

There is among us to-day no more profound student and no cleverer writer on the subject of general Christian Apologetics